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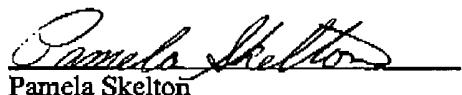
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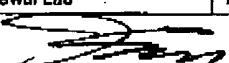
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in reply to a Restriction Requirement mailed 30 January 2004, which set 29 February 2004 as the initial deadline for response. Accordingly, a Petition for a one month extension of time until 30 March 2004 is included herewith. This Response is thus believed to be timely filed.

Claims 1-45 are pending and have been restricted. Reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

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As an initial matter, Applicants point out that independent claim 37 as well as dependent claims 40, 41, and 42 are not accounted for in the Restriction Requirement as presented. Applicants are thus unsure as to the status of these claims relative to the Restriction Requirement and respectfully request clarification on this issue.

The Restriction Requirement sets forth the following Groups:

Group I, claims 1-10 and 13-14;

Group II, claims 11-12 and 17;

Group III, claims 15-16;

Group IV, claim 18;

Group V, claims 19;

Group VI, claims 20-25;

Group VII, claims 26-28;

Group VIII, claim 29;

Group IX, claim 30;

Group X, claims 31-33;

Group XI, claims 31 and 33-36;

Group XII, claims 38, 39 and 43;

Group XIII, claims 38, 39 and 43;

Group XIV, claims 38, 39 and 43;

Group XV, claims 38, 39 and 43;

Group XVI, claims 38, 39 and 43; and

Group XVII, claims 43-45.

Furthermore, and on page 4, paragraph 6 of the Restriction Requirement, two requirements for an election of species were presented. With respect to Groups I to XVII, a requirement to elect a species based upon a specific peptide sequence was set forth. With respect to Groups XI to XVI, a requirement to elect an animal was set forth.

The basis for the Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372 is that the inventions of claims 1, 2, 6-9, 13 and 17 allegedly do not present a contribution over the cited

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document by Miles et al. Applicants disagree that Miles et al. constitutes "prior art" as alleged in the Restriction Requirement. Miles et al. is alleged to disclose peptides comprising the sequence DLRL such that the invention of claims 1, 2, 6-9, 13 and 17 do not constitute a special technical feature. The Restriction Requirement thus asserts that the claims lack unity of invention. Applicants respectfully point out that no allegation of lack of unity between claims 1, 2, 6-9, 13 and 17, as a group, and independent claims 11, 14, 15, 20, 26, 29, 30, 37 and 44 has been made.

Without acquiescence to the allegations based on Miles et al., and in the interest of being fully responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby begin by election, with traverse, of a specific peptide sequence of NVRFVF corresponding to positions of X₁-X₂-X₃-X₄-R₂ of the peptide sequence formulas set forth in the claims (where NVRF corresponds to X₁-X₂-X₃-X₄ and VF corresponds to R₂). Peptides with this sequence are fully within the scope of the pending claims, and a non-limiting example of a larger peptide comprising this sequence is seen in SEQ ID NO:26. This election is believed to be fully responsive to the requirement for a species election as set forth on page 4 of the Restriction Requirement.

Applicants understand that the requirement for the election of a single species is to facilitate search and examination. If no prior art is found to anticipate or render obvious the elected species, Applicants understand that the search of the claims will be extended to the next species.

With the above election, Applicants respectfully traverse the alleged lack of unity based upon Miles et al., which does not disclose peptides comprising the sequence NVRFVF. Peptides comprising this elected sequence now constitute a special technical feature that provide unity of invention to all claims encompassing such peptides. Applicants believe this to include all the claims of Groups I to XVII. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement between these Groups in light of the above election.

In the event that the Restriction Requirement is maintained despite the above, Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction of Group I from each of Groups II and III because Group I is related to each as a subcombination to a combination. No basis for restriction according to the standards for combination/subcombination has been presented, and so the

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restriction between these Groups should be withdrawn. The restriction between Group II and each of Groups IV and V, which are also related as subcombination to combination should also be withdrawn.

With respect to Groups VI to IX and XI to XVII, each is essentially a method for the use of a peptide according to at least Group I and so is potentially subject to rejoinder according to the standards set forth at MPEP 821.04. Similarly, Group X is a method for the use of the invention of Group II.

With respect to Groups XII to XVI, inclusive, Applicants respectfully traverse because the restriction appears to ignore the fact that claim 37 is a linking claim that links the inventions of claims 38-43. The Examiner's attention is directed to MPEP 809.03, which details the handling of linking claims. Applicants believe that the division of the claims based upon the disease to be treated (as asserted in the Restriction Requirement) is an assertion of each disease as representing different species.

If the proper existence and status of the linking claims is not recognized, the Examiner will have the ability to denied examination of claims which the Applicants regard as their invention. See *In re Weber* (580 F.2d 455, 198 USPQ 328 (CCPA 1978)) and *In re Haas* (580 F.2d 461, 198 USPQ 334 (CCPA 1978)), and the discussion at MPEP 803.02 in an analogous context. These cases clearly set forth that a restriction requirement cannot be used to divide a single claim, such as a linking claim.

Applicants respectfully traverse for the reasons provided above and request that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn or at least modified wherein the claims of Group I and at least one of Groups II and III are recombined; the claims of Group II are recombined with at least one of Groups IV and V; and the claims of Groups XII to XVI are recombined.

In the event that the Restriction Requirement is maintained, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-10 and 13-14, with traverse for the reasons provided above. This election is in combination with the sequence election, with traverse, as stated above.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of any non-elected claim in a subsequent divisional or other continuing application without prejudice.

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If the Examiner believes a telephonic discussion would expedite prosecution of this application, she/he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

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